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2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-16</u> .			
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Group I (Claims 1-16) in the reply filed on August 26, 2004 is acknowledged.

Response to Amendment

2. Applicant's submittal of a preliminary amendment received on July 28, 2004 has been acknowledged, wherein claims 17-44 were cancelled and claims 1, 7, 10-11 and 16 were amended.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statements (IDS) submitted on December 16, 2003 and July 30, 2004 have been considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 4. Claims 1-16 are allowed over the prior art.
- 5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In the Examiner's opinion, a collapsible support for a device having a first, second and third member, the first and third members each being structured to be mounted on the device, the second member being pivotally connected with and pivotable with respect to the first and third members, the second member being engageable with the surface to retain the device in the given position with respect

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to the surface with the support is in the extended position, and a lock releasably resisting movement of the at least first leg from at least one of the extended position and the retracted position in a direction toward the other of the extended position and the retracted position was not anticipated by the prior art, nor would it have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in this art. The prior art, specifically Souris ('751) does not disclose wherein the second member is engageable with the surface when the at least first leg is in the extended position as shown in Figure 5. Souris ('751) discloses wherein the first member is engageable with the surface when the first leg is in the extended position as shown in Figure 1. It would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in this art to modify the configuration of the first leg members relative to one another so that the second member engages the ground (surface) when the first leg is in the extended position.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Allen Shriver whose telephone number is (703) 308-1224. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30-6:00.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris P. Ellis can be reached on (703) 305-0168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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